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## Violence in Ukraine affects global community

**K-Staters from Ukraine hope for resolutions to ongoing demonstrations and violence in their homeland**

By KAREN SARITA INGRAM,  
THE COLLEGIAN

**V**olodymyr Chumachenko, assistant professor at University Archives and Special Collections, said that when he first came to Kansas, he was struck by how much it reminded him of Ukraine. The prairie land and climate bear a striking resemblance to the region around Odessa, Chumachenko's Ukrainian hometown, and even the agriculture is the same; Ukraine's rich soil produces excellent wheat and sunflower crops.

It is here in Kansas that Chumachenko and other Ukrainians watch helplessly as corruption and violence rocks the foundation of their homeland.

"I was afraid of this, and it did not come as a surprise," Artem Rudenko, assistant professor of physics from Kyiv, Ukraine, said. "I had the lowest expectation in the Ukrainian government, and had no faith in them whatsoever."

### The Crisis

The protests began when the Ukrainian government announced in November 2013 that it was abandoning a trade and political deal with the European Union in favor of a \$15 billion deal with Russia. Ukraine has



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**Volodymyr Chumachenko**, assistant professor at University Archives in Special Collections, is from Odessa, Ukraine. According to Chumachenko, Ukraine's situation might have been resolved had the government not reacted to the peaceful protests in November 2013 with violence.

been independent of Russia since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, but in many ways remains a divided country. Eastern regions of the country tend to speak Russian and identify

from Russia to Europe, making it a strategic ally for both sides.

When Ukraine President Viktor Yanukovich decided that the country would have a better ally in Russia than

eminent had changed its mind about the EU agreement, but instead, they reacted to the peaceful protest with violence.

Riot police raided the square on Nov. 30, 2013, making arrests, using tear gas and beating unarmed protesters in an attempt to drive them away. Instead, it had the opposite effect.

"Next day, there were several hundred thousand people in the center of the city," Chumachenko said. "They demanded the resignation of the government and the independent investigation of the brutal actions of police. The president and the government did not react and refused to hold the minister of the interior accountable for police actions."

People from all over Ukraine gathered in Kyiv and set up camp in

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VOLODYMYR CHUMACHENKO  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AT UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

with mostly Soviet political and cultural heritage, while citizens living in the western half of the country speak primarily Ukrainian and favor the political ideology of Europe. Ukraine holds the natural gas pipelines that run

the EU, hundreds of people went to Independence Square, also known as Maidan, in the capital city of Kyiv to protest.

Chumachenko said the situation might have resolved itself if the gov-

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## Kays, Kennedy sweep primary in landslide victory

By MIKE STANTON  
THE COLLEGIAN

Newcomers Jarrett Romine and AJ Davis have been considered the underdogs in the race for student body president and vice president since declaring their Student Governing Association candidacy. After yesterday's primary election, they now know just how many votes they'll have to make up to have a chance in the general elections on March 4-5.

Veteran student senators Reagan Kays and Cody Kennedy received 1,660 votes, 80.23 percent of ballots cast, compared to the 338 collected by Romine and Davis.

"Considering that we haven't been able to do as much (in the campaign), it wasn't all that surprising," Romine said. "But, like I've said from the start, I don't really want to be president. I don't want to be treated any differently. I just want K-State to be a better place."

Romine, sophomore in biology, and Davis, sophomore in finance, said they have no intention of altering their campaign strategies before the general election. According to Romine, the two are satisfied that they've been

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## Horticulture professor dies after 45 years at K-State

By JENA SAUBER  
THE COLLEGIAN

Richard Mattson, distinguished professor of horticulture and horticulture therapy program director, passed away Sunday at Via Christi Village in Manhattan. Mattson, 72, worked at K-State since 1969, and founded as well as directed the horticulture therapy program at the university.

"He was a really great professor," Ariel Whitley, senior in horticulture, said. "I don't know that I've encountered many people that knew as much about what they did as he did."

K-State's horticulture therapy program, one of the few in the nation, offered on-campus

and distance education courses.

Horticultural therapy, according to the American Horticultural Therapy Association, is the gardening and plant-based activities led by a trained therapist to "achieve specific therapeutic treatment goals."

Mattson's loss will be felt deeply, Whitley said.

"It's a huge loss," Whitley said. "Not very many colleges offer the program; it's going to be a big loss to not have someone with as much experience as Dr. Mattson had."

The obituary published by Channel 5 KHAS touched on Mattson's legacy of love, peace and hope, suggesting it would last for generations. It also stated that he always helped others before himself and centered his life around gardening, reading,

and educating.

According to the obituary, "Richard lived by the philosophy of raising the self-esteem for those who are downtrodden by giving them the opportunity to care for these plants and this belief lead him to develop programs for the mentally challenged, for prisons, nursing homes and developmentally disabled facilities."

Mattson led a horticultural therapy program for the residents of Big Lakes Development Center, an organization that serves area individuals with developmental disabilities.

"Working with people with disabilities was one of his passions, and working with plants and growing things," said Marsha Landis, graphic designer and web manager for horticulture, forestry and recreational resources, agronomy, and plant pathology. "Every time you saw him, he had a big old smile on his face."

Mattson was an important part of the therapy program,

Landis said.

"What he was doing with the horticulture therapy, that was a very special addition to our program here," Landis said.

Mattson was honored this week by the AHTA on their website. In a release about his death, MaryAnne McMillan, president of the AHTA, expressed the loss Mattson's death will have on the field.

"Dr. Mattson's legacy will be carried on through those he taught and mentored," McMillan said. "He inspired so many of those who work today to spread the word and elevate the profession that he so loved."

Mattson will be missed, Whitley said.

"He would always stop and talk to you," Whitley said. "That's something we're all going to miss."

Funeral services are today from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 1001 Prairie St., in Chapman, Neb. Condolences may be sent to the family at solthh.com.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DAN DONNERT  
**Richard Mattson**, distinguished professor of horticulture, works with a Big Lakes Development Center participant in a 2010 horticulture therapy session. Mattson, who also taught horticulture classes, worked at K-State for almost 45 years.

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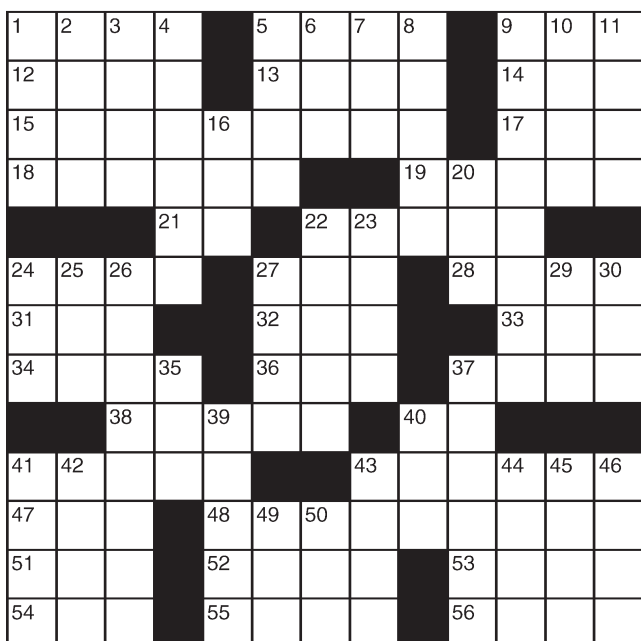
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**Yesterday's answer 2-27**



## THE BLOTTER

### ARREST REPORTS

**Tuesday, Feb. 25**

**Ashley Dawn Brandon**, Riley, Kan., was booked for possession of narcotics and drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$24,000.

**Edward Anthony Cain, Jr.**, 600 block of Poyntz Avenue, was booked for criminal

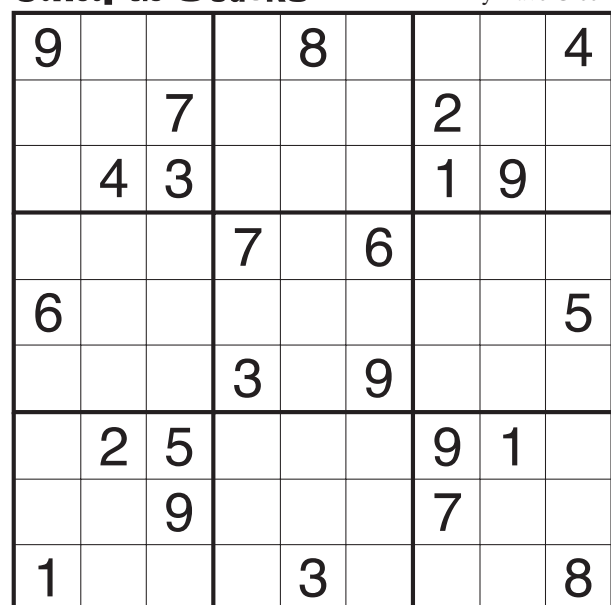
trespassing and obstruction of the legal process. Bond was set at \$1,500.

**Wednesday, Feb. 26**

**William Burton Robinson, IV**, 1000 block of Fremont Street, was booked for violation of protection orders. Bond was set at \$1,000.

## Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green



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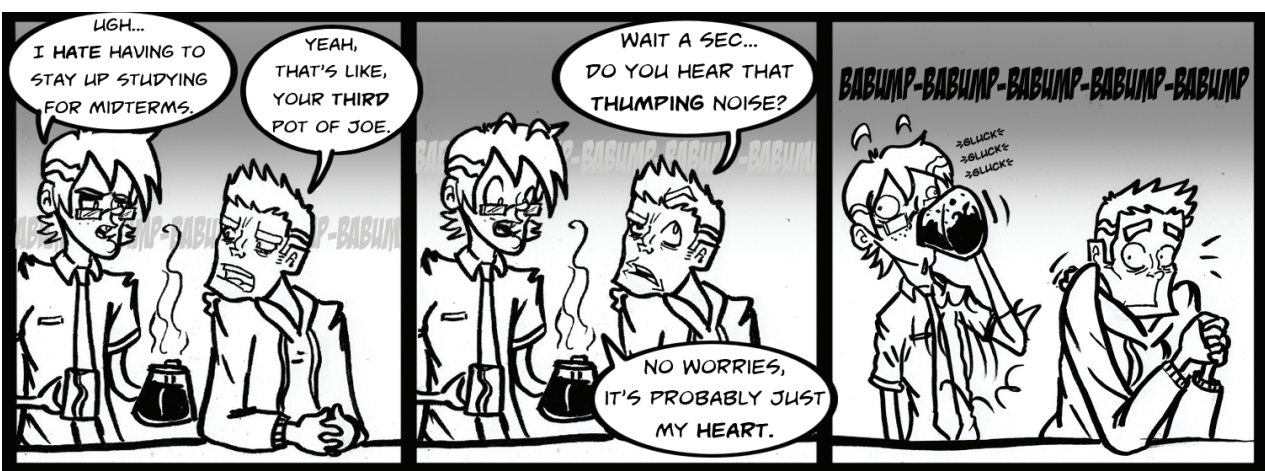
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**Friday, Feb. 28**

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7:30 p.m., McCain Auditorium  
**UPC After Hours Minute to Win It: Superhero Edition**  
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# Distinguished professor offers children's literature insight

By CHEYANNA COLBORN  
THE COLLEGIAN

Philip Nel, distinguished professor of English, said he does not remember a time when he was unable to read. In fact, he said he read his first book, “Green Eggs and Ham” by Dr. Seuss, at the young age of 3.

Nel said he remembers reading it more than once in his first sitting and feeling satisfied with his accomplishment.

“Children’s books are the most important books in our lives, because we read them when we are becoming who we are and who we are going to be,” Nel said. “We remember them the longest, and yet, few people take them serious. Children’s books hit you when you are still figuring out your ideas about the world. They can expand the sense of what is possible.”

In 2002, Nel brought English 440, a class known as Harry Potter’s Library, to K-State.

“I thought it would be a fun way to get people to be thoughtful about a familiar and intellectual series,” Nel said.

The class was mentioned on the Mental Floss YouTube channel, which has more than 790,000 subscribers, in an episode entitled, “26 Bizarre College Classes,” by contributor and New York Times best-selling author John Green. First posted on Nov. 6, 2013, the video has racked up nearly 1.5 million views.

“A lot of people grew up with Harry Potter,” Halle Sparks, freshman in biology, said. “Individuals can relate to it better than classic literary pieces.”

Green referred to the students who take Nel’s course as lucky, because they get to visit “Harry Potter’s Library” and not only read the books



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**Philip Nel**, distinguished professor of English, teaches English 400: Harry Potter’s Library, in which students interact with JK Rowling’s famous series and works that influenced the series. According to Nel, children’s books are more important than many people make them out to be because they stick with readers the longest and ultimately shape their character.

in the series, but also published works that influenced JK Rowling’s world-famous series.

“Children’s literature is a great way to bring people to English,” Nel said. “Children’s books tend to be complex and presented in an engaging and pleasurable (way). It seems fun and easy, but to create that experience and do it well takes planning.”

Nel, also a published author, defines his books as “books about children’s books.”

“JK Rowling’s Harry Potter Novels: A Reader’s Guide,” a guide composed by Nel in 2001, features a biography on Rowling, an analysis of the first four novels and discussion

about what has made them so successful.

Nel said children’s and young adult literature is often more calculated than the unobservant eye may see. The Harry Potter series, for example, is full of historical references. Illustrated children’s books generally have extremely formulated plans for the drawings too.

One of Nel’s published books, “The Annotated Cat: Under the Hats of Seuss and His Cats,” details an in-depth look at Seuss’ original manuscripts, early sketches and illustrations.

The book is targeted to those who grew up with Seuss and shows

the methods he used. It is aimed to help individuals understand the complexity of Seuss’ plots and expand imaginations.

“Books formed my creativity and imagination,” Sita Alejos, freshman in open option, said. “(They) helped me to think in different ways and helped me believe in something else beyond myself. By giving children a different view on things, it can form how they view others and change the way the world works.”

Nel’s work in children’s literature has not gone unnoticed. In addition to the five books he authored, he also had a role in the production of nine books on Amazon, has writ-

ten articles for and assisted in editing numerous books. Nel has even made appearances on “CBS Sunday Morning” and NPR’s “Morning Edition” and “Talk of the Nation” for his work within children’s literature.

In 1992, Nel graduated from the University of Rochester with bachelor’s degrees in English and psychology. While in college, however, he said he had no idea where they were take him. So he worked two jobs along side taking classes that featured each path, and said that those decisions helped him decide he enjoyed English more.

“I would not encourage people to follow my plan,” Nel said. “I did not have a plan.”

After obtaining his master’s degree and doctorate in English at Vanderbilt University in 1993 and 1997, respectively, Nel said he still probably would not have guessed he would have ended up at K-State.

He and his wife, Karin Westman, head of the English department, moved to Manhattan when the university hired them both in 2000.

“I never thought, ‘One day, I will be a professor of children’s literature,’” Nel said. “But it has been a happy accident.”

While many students are not encouraged to major in English, Nel said there is a versatility that comes with starting with a degree in English.

“(Students) majoring in English can do anything,” Nel said. “The challenge is getting there.”

Fortunately, according to Nel, English majors are good critical thinkers, and so they figure out how to become lawyers, educators, advertising copywriters, art gallery owners, editors, doctors, poets and more.

“The bottom line is: you do not want to die with regrets, and it is ok to fail,” Nel said. “So, pursue your goals and modify them as needed.”

## UKRAINE | Important for Americans to be aware of Ukraine situation says Price

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Independence Square, determined to remain there until their demands for justice were met. The protestors refused to resort to violence, and for a time, there was a peaceful stalemate between them and the government.

Katie Price, 2013 K-State alumna, went to Kyiv after being employed by a nonprofit organization to teach English. Price asked for the organization not to be identified for security purposes.

Price said she visited Independence Square once in late December to see what was going on, and found the protest to be very peaceful. People had set up tents and offered free food and tea to passersby.

“When I was there, everything was orderly and clean,” she said in an email interview. “The people were open and friendly.”

Rudenko visited family in Kyiv for about a week at the end of December and the beginning of January. He, however, described the situation differently.

“When I was in Kyiv, even though it was peaceful at the time, the tension was in the air,” Rudenko said. “The main street of the city, Khreshchatyk, adjacent to the Independence Square, was covered by the barricades. And it was clear that the whole situation might get real bad – as it did.”

### The Violence Worsens

On Jan. 16, Yanukovich

signed a bill into law that banned unauthorized tents in public areas and made slandering government officials a criminal offense. Deutsche Welle, a German international broadcaster, reported that Germany, along with the rest of the EU, was growing increasingly concerned with the situation in Ukraine.

“This ‘law’ stripped the citizens of the country of their basic constitutional rights and aimed at suppressing any protest actions in the future,” Chumachenko said. “As a result, the political situation quickly deteriorated.”

By then, protestors had been occupying Independence Square for almost two months in the winter cold. Three days later, there were a series of violent clashes between protestors and police on Jan. 22. There are conflicting reports on the number of casualties; on Jan. 23, Laura Smith-Spark and Victoria Butenko of CNN reported that four deaths attributed to gunshot wounds by police, while BBC reported on Jan. 24 that two protestors were shot dead by police and another activist was found dead in the woods.

Nonlethal weapons, such as rubber bullets and water cannons, were also used against protestors. Protestors fought back, setting several police busses on fire. There were hundreds of injuries reported on both sides.

“There was a lot of reaction all over the country for this,” Rudenko said. “The situation was very tense for a while.”

People began to protest in

other cities all over Ukraine, such as Luts and Sumy. The same Jan. 24 BBC article reported that on Jan. 23, activists began to seize government buildings in Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk and Chernivsi. They demanded the resignation of government officials they saw as corrupt.

On Jan. 28, Yanukovich accepted Ukraine Prime Minister Mykola Azarov’s resignation, and then dismissed Azarov’s cabinet. According to a Jan. 28 New York Times article by Andrew Kramer, Azarov resigned just hours before a no-confidence vote by parliament would have stripped him of his powers anyway. Yanukovich also promised amnesty for the protestors who had been arrested, hoping to appease the protestors. BBC reported in an Feb. 17 article that protestors left many of the government buildings they had occupied by Feb. 16, as authorities released about 243 protestors they had arrested.

Chumachenko said the president was unwilling to discuss his own resignation, parliamentary elections, or any constitutional changes that would reduce his power.

“The real goal of the president and his faction was to suppress the protest at any cost,” Chumachenko said.

The truce ended on Feb. 18 in the most violent clash of the three-month-long crisis. There are conflicting reports from various news sources, and no one is quite sure who started it, but at

least 70 people died in clashes between protestors and police. Independence Square was transformed from a picturesque city center to a scene of smoldering debris.

“The terrifying scenes of the massacre spread with lightning speed over the Internet and drew media attention all over the world,” Chumachenko said.

The governments of the world stepped in. The U.S. and the EU warned Yanukovich not to declare a state of emergency, which would bring in more troops and make the situation even worse, the New York Times reported in an Feb. 20 article by Andrew Higgins and Kramer.

### Uncertain Future

At the moment, two different factions are claiming control of Ukraine. The parliament has appointed an interim president, Oleksandr Turchynov, until new elections can be held in May. Yanukovich refuses to acknowledge being ousted, and has referred to the parliament’s actions as a “coup,” according to Deutsche Welle.

According to a Feb. 26 CNN article by Laura Smith-Spark, Phil Black and Frederik Pleitgen, a warrant has been issued for Yanukovich’s arrest on charges

of “mass killings.” According to the article, while Yanukovich is believed to still be in the country. His current whereabouts are unknown.

Though Kyiv has settled down, demonstrations continue across the country – especially in the southern region of Crimea, where pro and anti-Russian demonstrators are facing off in the city of Simferopol, Ukraine. According to the Feb. 26 CNN article, the tension has also taken a toll on the port city of Sevastopol, Ukraine where a Russian naval base is located. On Feb. 26, Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered surprise military exercises in Simferopol. While Russian officials have not formally said it is in response to the tension in Ukraine, the timing of the exercises suggests it is.

Many agree that Ukraine needs assistance from outside parties, however, there is disagreement as to who should help, how much should be done and whether any assistance should wait until things calm down. The U.S. and the International Monetary Fund have offered to help Ukraine rebuild its economy. Deutsche Welle reported that Ukraine has only received \$3 billion of the \$15 promised by Russia, and the rest of the money has

been frozen pending the outcome of the crisis.

Chumachenko said that the U.S. and EU were instrumental in stopping the violence in Ukraine, and that if they had put more political pressure on them sooner, it might have prevented some of the violence.

“I think that the Ukrainian example speaks very clearly that fast and decisive reaction of America and its democratic allies against human rights violations and state terror should be an important element of international politics,” Chumachenko said.

Price said it was important for Americans to be aware of what was happening in Ukraine, but also said she is concerned about media bias from the pro-EU and pro-Russia sides.

“I think this is a revolution of, by and for the Ukrainian people, and they should be allowed to act without interference from outside countries,” Price said.

Rudenko said that while, in his opinion, staying completely out of it is not an option for the U.S., it is also important that the U.S. take care not to turn Ukraine into a “playground” for post-Cold War political conflict against Russia.

“That would be disastrous for Ukrainian people,” he said.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

K-State stifles Kansas in final minutes, seals 76-68 win

By Emilio Rivera  
The Collegian

In a game that was close until the very end, K-State claimed a huge victory in the hostile environment of Allen Fieldhouse in Lawrence, pulling ahead of the Kansas Jayhawks 76-68. The Wildcats (11-16, 5-11 Big 12) beat the Jayhawks (13-15, 6-10 Big 12) in a nail-biter for the first time in over a year.

Good guard play and solid passing allowed the Wildcats to storm ahead and take the lead on the road in the first five minutes. The Wildcats showed a spark that they haven't up to this point in the season.

"It was the (Wildcats) on-ball screen, we had no answer for it," Jayhawk head coach Bonnie Henrickson said following the game. "We don't get into (Romero), we don't make her use it, we tried to trap her, we tried to over (and) under. There was nothing (the Jayhawks could do). (Romero) was loose around the rim. It felt like shoot around for (the Wildcats)."

Head coach Deb Patterson's Wildcats early spark turned into a fire, going 9 for 10 from the field including going 3 of 3 from behind the arc. By the 13:58 mark in the game, the Wildcats had built a 21-0 lead. Freshman guard Leticia Romero scored nine of her 26 points within the first five minutes of the game.

Romero was also a catalyst for teammates' scoring. Romero's strategy was to work the Jayhawk defense to her side of the floor, find a wide-open teammate as soon as the Jayhawk defense collapsed around the rim and start her drive to basket. The strategy brought her seven assists.

Romero's fellow freshman guard Kindred Wesemann also played an important role in the Wildcats victory with 15 points, including four of the Wildcats' six 3-point shots of the night. Romero assisted Wesemann for her final 3-pointer with a minute and a half remaining to stretch the Wildcats to an eight point lead, putting the game out of the reach of the Jayhawks.

Patterson said she realized how important it was for her guards to get going early.

"We were fortunate to get off to a hot start," Patterson said after the game. "They were obviously flat in the beginning, and that gave us a window of opportunity. Tonight we played with a lot of intelligence, we shared the ball and



Hannah Hunsinger | The Collegian

Freshman guard **Leticia Romero** charges past Kansas sophomore guard **Lamaria Cole** on her way to the basket Wednesday night at Allen Fieldhouse in Lawrence, where the Wildcats beat the Jayhawks 76-68.

we had a lot of pop in our step at the point positions with (Romero and Wesemann)."

with a 37-24 lead, the Wildcats almost gave the game away to their rivals, letting the Jayhawks go on

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Deb Patterson,  
K-State Women's Basketball Head Coach

The Jayhawks did all they could to catch up after the Wildcats fast start. Going into halftime

a 25-14 run to get the game within two points with 9:06 minutes remaining.

The Jayhawks then fought to tie the game at 57 points with 6:42 minutes remaining. The Wildcats answered with a 10-1 run within the next three minutes, effectively sealing the game.

"On the road here against a really high quality Kansas team, I thought we finally brought (the fight)," Patterson said. "Offensively, I liked the fact the we were sharing the ball and getting good ball movement."

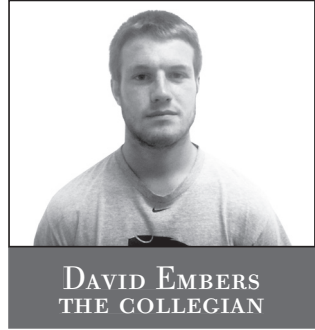
This game was also important for the many seniors who hadn't yet gotten a win against their rival for the Wildcats due to injuries

and school transfers.

"It's my last year, senior year, you don't want to leave any gym with a bad feeling in your throat," said senior forward Ashlynn Knoll. "I wanted a win at KU, so when I got my opportunity, I was like, 'This is it, we're going to take this. We're not going to leave here (with a loss) and I'm not going to play my last game at KU and lose.'"

The Wildcats will take the court next on Saturday in Stillwater, Okla. to play Oklahoma State in their final regular season away game. Tipoff is set for 2 p.m.

Tweeting with Embers: Kevin Durant, Kansas City Chiefs' draft needs, more



David Embers  
The Collegian

Earlier this week, I opened up my Twitter so that readers of The Collegian could send in questions they had about sports, life, food or anything else on their mind. This is meant to be a lighthearted, entertaining, informative Q-and-A column that will hopefully bring you, the reader, and me, the writer, closer together.

I think it is a culmination of several things. First and foremost, the Wildcats are young and inexperienced. At home, you can kind of hide that. On the road, however, it gets exposed. K-State's second challenge is their reliance on jump shooting. The Wildcats struggle to get easy baskets and haven't quite figured out that they aren't a good 3-point shooting team.



**Zach Hildreth** @ZHildy89 · Feb 23  
@davidembers positives and negatives of KSU or KU being required to schedule Wichita St every year in non-conf. #ballin

Let me paint this picture: Missouri, Wichita State, K-State and Kansas all participate in an early season tournament – like the Maui Invitational – at the Sprint Center in Kansas City, Mo. What negatives could there possibly be? That would be the hottest ticket in the NCAA for the first two months of the season.



**Brandon Terry** @CopShopKing · 8h  
@davidembers if the season ended today who would be the NBA player of the year or should fan voting control all-Star games

First off, Oklahoma City Thunder forward Kevin Durant is definitely in the lead right now. I'm sure Miami Heat forward LeBron James is going to post video game numbers the rest of the year, but Durant is aiming to finish this season averaging 32 points, eight rebounds and six assists per game. We haven't seen anything like that since Michael Jordan. Only thing that could change where the MVP race is at right now is Russell Westbrook's selfishness.

Secondly, the game is for the fans. So the fans get to decide. Plain and simple.



**Corey Hoehn** @Corey-Hoehn · 22h  
@davidembers real question. Why does a player's draft stock sky rocket from a fast 40 and a bench press number over actual game film?

Numbers are concrete and provide the easiest way to evaluate a player. These general managers might make a lot of money, but as NFL informationalist Scott Pioli showed Chiefs nation, they aren't all working with a full deck of cards. Remember when the Oakland Raiders took wide receiver Darrius Heyward-Bey in the first round because he ran a 4.25 second 40 meter dash? Classic Raiders.



**Aaron Broeckelman** @ErinBroeckelman · 6h  
@davidembers Fresh off a Big 12 Championship and K-State baseball is 1-7. Worried yet?

The pitching needs to improve, and K-State senior infielder Ross Kivett needs to start playing like an all-conference guy, but other than that, I'll chalk the bad start up to all eight games coming on the road.

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**Jay Hoyt** @jayhoyt1 · 22h  
@davidembers How come Michael Beasley didn't live up to the All-Star hype in the NBA?

Dominating in college and dominating in the NBA are two different things. Michael Beasley was drafted No. 2 overall because his potential was through the roof. Unfortunately, he lacks the self-control and attentiveness needed to be a big-time player at the NBA level. In fact, if his current experiment with the Miami Heat doesn't go according to plan, Beasley might be looking for employment outside the NBA.



**Derek Mathia** @Mathia26 · 6h  
@davidembers who should the chiefs draft? or what positions do they need to sure up to be a contender for an AFC championship?

The Kansas City Chiefs' biggest need has to be a wide receiver. They've already locked into an absurd \$56 million, five-year contract with Dwayne Bowe, so rebuilding that position through the draft is a must. With the draft pick the Chiefs will likely have, I like Southern California wide receiver Marqise Lee. He's a dynamic playmaker with great hands and above average speed.



**Zach Hickman** @Hickzach · 9h  
@davidembers If you are an NBA GM, what college freshman do you take #1 overall and why?

Right now, I have freshmen Kansas guard Andrew Wiggins and Duke forward Jabari Parker as the front runners. Both guys have immense talent and limitless potential, and both will likely have great NBA careers. However, if forced to pick between the two, I've got to go with Wiggins because of how dominant a defender he could be at the next level. His athleticism and length could make him Paul George-esque in the NBA.



**Calvin Schneider** @calvinschneider · Feb 23  
@davidembers why is the K-State men's basketball team struggling on the road so much?



# PRIMARIES | Margin of victory largest since 2000

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able to bring their ideas for K-State into the conversation.

"At least we're getting them out there and getting people talking about them," Romine said.

Even with their comfortable lead, Kays, senior in agribusiness, and Kennedy, junior in secondary education and mathematics, said they don't plan on taking their eyes off the prize.

"We'll be pedal to the metal all the way through to the end," Kays said. "A lot more people vote in the general election, so we're going to bring out some different things next week and try to get as many votes as we can."

Kays and Kennedy started on their campaign trail on Feb. 1, building a sizable social media following within hours of

their candidacy announcement. They'd been building momentum for nearly two weeks before Romine and Davis emerged to challenge them.

"It's always hard to predict those vote totals, but we're amazed and blessed for the support," Kays said. "We've got a great team and advisory board and supporters, and we hope to get even more votes next week."

The margin of victory is the largest since at least 2000, according to SGA records. Overall, voter turnout for this primary is down from recent years. Between Tuesday and Wednesday, 2,083 student votes were cast, compared with nearly 3,250 last year and more than 2,500 in 2012.

Speaker of the Student Senate Kyle Nuss, senior in architectural engineering, finished in second place in last year's pres-

idential election and said that after watching both campaigns, he wasn't surprised at the results of the primary.

"Romine and Davis have some interesting platforms," Nuss said. "But after being involved in SGA for years, you realize how unrealistic they are because SGA doesn't really have any say in those areas. Kays and Kennedy really did their research and knew what they were getting into."

After last year's primary, Nuss and running mate Ariel Mendiola, senior in sociology, trailed behind the eventual winners Eli Schooley, senior in political science, and Jake Unruh, senior in finance, by less than 900 votes.

"We were really excited to make it past that first cut, but it's tough to close a gap," Nuss said.

"It takes a lot of campaigning, especially with as wide a margin as Romine and Davis are dealing with."

Nuss said if Romine and Davis want any shot at catching up to Kays and Kennedy, they'll need to go after the independent and multicultural vote.

"From my observation, the greek vote got out tonight and it really shows where their allegiances lie," Nuss said. "Experience and greek votes help in any election."

Voting for the general election opens at noon on March 4 and closes at 6 p.m. the following day. The online ballot will decide the 2014-15 student body president and vice president, student senators, College Council positions, and members of the Union Governing Board and Board of Student Publications.

## RISING WATERS



Children play by an overturned trailer in Bedford Estates June 2. A backhoe pulled the tent out of the tent park was heavily affected by the flooding. Several homes were picked up and moved by the rapids, some were flipped and sink, others had water-damaged property.

Flooding nearly reaches 500-year storm levels



Manhattan firefighters look into a submerged tent in the back section of Bedford Estates June 2. The strong currents picked up many homes and flipped some over.

to share who was working through a flooded area near Fairfax. The tent, located near the back of the tent park, was heavily affected by the flooding. Several homes were picked up and moved by the rapids, some were flipped and sink, others had water-damaged property.

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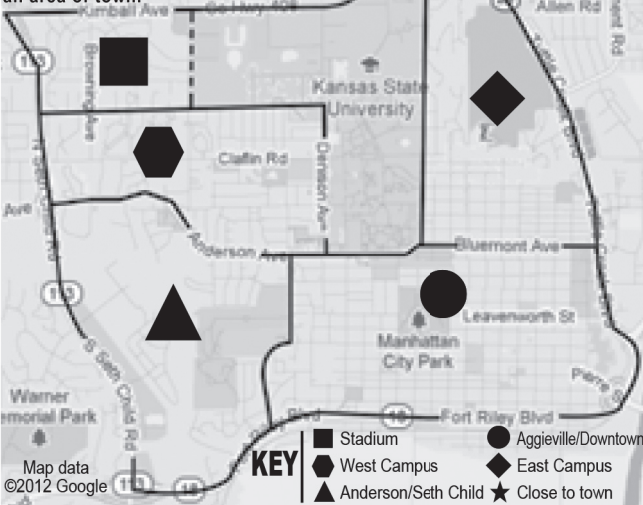
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